

DRUG POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: May 9, 2013

Place: Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD)

Called to Order: May 9, 2013 at 1:01 pm

Adjourned: May 9, 2013 at 2:05 pm

Present: Steve Lukan, Steve Larson, Jennifer Miller, Paul Stageberg, Vern Armstrong, Todd Thoeming, David Lorenzen, Bob Larson (for Warren Hunsberger), Col. Thomas Staton, Stephan Arndt, Shannon Pogones, Steve DeJoode, Karen Freund, ODCP Staff: Cinnamon Weinman

Excused: Kathy Stone, Chris Wilson, Thomas Bower, Cyndy Erickson, Jane Larkin

Welcome and Introductions

Attendees provided introductions. Director Steve Larson introduced Karen Freund who leads the ABD Regulatory Bureau. Steve indicated they have been trying to increase their regulatory footprint through education regarding alcohol. Karen has been doing various town hall meetings across the state regarding alcohol. Karen has also set up an active educational compliance program in which she works with local governments and Steve also introduced Matt Jones and Bobby Bailey, two field investigators, who work with Karen on complaints on Chapter 123.

Approval of the February 14, 2013, minutes

Motion to approve minutes. Minutes approved.

Legislative Update

Steve Lukan stated if anyone was interested in being on the legislative update email list to let Susie Sher know in the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy and she will put them on the list. Steve provided a legislative update regarding changes to DPAC. DPAC is now only mandated to meet twice a year. If any members of the Board feel a pressing need to meet other than twice a year, we can always call a meeting at that time. We also struck out of the code the Pseudoephedrine Advisory Council. We have been able to maintain 100% compliance, or very close to that, with our pseudoephedrine tracking at all of the retail establishments. The council itself had not met for a couple of years so we asked to have that stripped and the governor did sign that. There has been some confusion in the code between the Legislature and the Pharmacy Board on who would actually be able to regulate or allow medicinal marijuana. We introduced a bill to clarify that would be strictly a legislative decision and not a decision of the Pharmacy Board and that passed the House with 72 votes. There were a couple of bills introduced on marijuana; one that was voted down in the House in the subcommittee and there was a subcommittee held in the Senate where it did advance but it never saw a vote in the full committee so we were fairly encouraged by that. The meth precursor list bill was actually a unanimous vote through the House and then stalled out in the Senate. The Social Host Law received pretty good support through the House Committee but then didn't pass the House floor. We ran into some road blocks with making any advance on the synthetic drug challenge. We had introduced some legislation to add more to the banned substances list and actually allow the Pharmacy Board to make some emergency scheduling of substances and that did not advance very far. We also had a bill to expand the drug tax stamp that we thought was maybe a new way to try to get at the synthetic drug problem. This bill did not get out of the House Ways and Means Committee. The DNA Sampling bill is also on its way to the governor.

Iowa Youth Survey

Dr. Arndt gave the results of the Iowa Youth Survey. 70,770 students responded to the survey. 255 school districts responded out of Iowa's 348 school districts. This year's results were compared with 2010's survey. Alcohol use is going down. The age of first use is down. Binge drinking is also lower. All the results are posted on the website.

Iowa Medicine Abuse Project & Video

Steve presented a video on the Iowa Medicine Abuse Project which is a project between ODCP and ISAIC. There had been some funding still available for the prevention of prescription drug abuse so they are working on a media campaign that will be starting the end of this summer or early fall.

Agency/Organization Updates

Steve DeJoode indicated the Division of Narcotics Enforcement has been doing strategic analysis and planning over the past few months. They are looking at where they have their agents and resources located throughout the state and where their biggest drug threats are. This should be completed in the next month or so at which time they will be making some adjustments. Drug trends are indicating more heroin use. The Quad Cities are seeing a lot of 18 to 25 year olds moving from prescription drugs into heroine. There seems to be a lot more exposure to this in eastern Iowa; a lot of which are coming from Chicago gangs. Methamphetamine continues to be the largest threat for drug trafficking. One pot meth labs are still out there. They continue to be a public safety issue. Col. Staton indicated they are helping DNE with some marijuana eradication, planning and execution for later this summer. They are also working with DNE on a Drug Task Force Directors Meeting and doing some information sharing for the sole purpose of trying to improve intelligence sharing between agencies. Col. Staton had met with Commissioner London a few weeks ago and introduced him to the Counter Drug Task Force and Commissioner London gave them some good direction and he has asked them to increase the amount of intelligence forces specifically towards financial investigations so they are revamping their curriculum to accomplish that. Bob Larson indicated that just last week at Teen Challenge they starting putting out television PSAs in Iowa and Nebraska to let people know that help is available. They just submitted an application for a grant for just under \$2 million to the Federal Loan Home Bank to go towards their centers. They have a women's center in Pella that can house about five or six women at a time and there is a long waiting list for that. They have also acquired a property in Nebraska that will house about 20 to 25 women and some of the grant money will help with this. Dr. Arndt stated they are continuing to work with the Iowa Department of Public Health and federally qualified health centers and the National Guard. When people come in for routine physicals, there is a prescreening and a screening and then either a brief intervention or a brief treatment. It is going very well. There are a lot of people getting screened that get treatment immediately. There is a Family Focus Grant that IDPH is working on. They are just finishing up a prevention project for the suburbs in Chicago for heroine prevention. There is a Veterans Administration Project that shut down in Iowa now and is moving to Texas. They are also resurrecting the jail project. There was a treatment in jail project from 1990 to 2012. This is a treatment project that would help people in jail and then they were released to the parole and to the treatment center. Close to 1200 people went through that project and close to 80% were arrest free for six months afterwards and another 80% were arrest free for a year. Shannon indicated April was a big month for them being Alcohol Awareness Month. Shannon introduced Nicole Scebold that demonstrated what they look for when accepting or declining a product. Shannon stated they did weekly press releases during Alcohol Awareness Month which was on Channel 8 news and on the national news as well.

Adjourn

Next meeting - to be announced. There, being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



Cinnamon Weinman



Steve Lukan